Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 18 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 19 Dec 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 18 Dec 2021 at 03:00 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: With high pressure looking set to dominate the weather through the coming days confidence in generally settled pattern with light winds is high. However lowering confidence in the detail of cloud cover.

Headline for Saturday 18 Dec 2021: Dry with sunny spells.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 18 Dec 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Clear night	Clear night
Precipitation probability					
00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%

Forecast for Saturday 18 Dec 2021

Weather: Staying dry, however the cloud cover is harder to pin down. Above the inversion (around 500m) cloud free skies are expected, however at mid-levels patchy cloud appearing allowing the risk of fog around the foothills early and late, also occasional bright and sunny intervals by day.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Generally 100% but chance of cloud below the inversion.

Visibility: Mostly good or very good, but very poor in any patchy cloud below the inversion.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	5/6 S	4/5 W	6/7 SW	7/9 W	6/7 W	7/8 SW	11/13 W
900	6/7 W	6/7 SW	8/9 SW	8/9 SW	6/7 W	5/7 SW	7/9 SW
600	3/3 NW	2/3 W	3/4 W	4/5 W	3/4 NW	3/4 W	4/5 W
300	4/7 SW	4/6 SW	4/8 SW	4/8 SW	4/6 SW	3/4 SW	3/4 SW
Glen	3/7 S	2/4 S	4/6 SW	4/6 SW	3/5 SW	2/4 S	2/4 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	7/6	5/3	7/5	5/3	3/0	3/-0	3/-1
900	12/10	10/8	9/8	8/6	8/6	6/5	6/4
600	8/8	8/8	8/7	7/6	6/5	6/5	5/4
300	4/2	3/2	5/3	4/2	3/1	2/1	2/0
Glen	2/0	-1/-2	5/4	3/2	0/-1	-1/-2	-2/-3
Freezing Level*	1800m	1700m	1800m	1900m	1800m	1500m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
The dominant area of high pressure brings a strong inversion, with highest temperatures across the peaks significantly warmer than around the foothills.

Forecast for Sunday 19 Dec 2021
Weather: Again it will be difficult to pin down the cloud detail with subtle small changes bringing significant differences for location of the most favoured peaks. Most staying dry again with clear skies above the inversion that slowly lifts from the north later in the day. Mid-level cloud more likely in the north, potentially thickening enough to bring some light rain or drizzle, while best of bright and sunny spells appear in the south.

Maximum wind: Variable 10mph or less, mainly from the east or northeast.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Generally 100% but also variable amounts of cloud below the inversion.

Visibility: Good or very good, becoming moderate or poor in any light rain or drizzle in north, also very poor in cloud.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 3 Celsius increasing 7 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 4 Celsius becoming Minus 1 Celsius late evening
Freezing level: 1200m lowering 700m later

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